

RADM Stone Visits Guam

Visiting NAVSUP FISC PH Det Marianas and EODMU, Guam

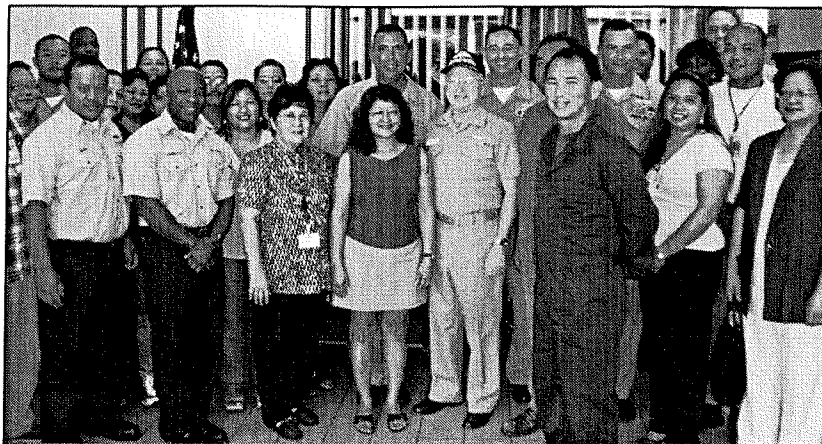
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For the first time, Chief of Supply Corps, RADM Dan Stone, recently visited Guam. His tour included meeting with the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Detachment Marianas personnel, followed by a meeting with CAPT Ken Freeman, Commanding Officer, Navy Base Guam/Chief of Staff, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas.

RADM Stone also toured the CHRIMP/JEMMS program, Defense Distribution Depot Guam, and EODMU 5 Tour which included a Demo/Static display.

EODMU5 is responsible for various missions throughout the Pacific and the 7th Fleet Area of Operations and is the only forward deployed EOD Mobile Unit in the AOR.

During the visit Admiral Stone was introduced to the current missions EODMU 5 supports, ranging from flight-deck response and general EOD support on board the USS Kitty



RADM Dan Stone, Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, center, visits with FISC, Pearl Harbor Det Marianas personnel.

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Hawk and the USS *Essex* to disrupting improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Iraq in support of the U.S. Marine Corps as well as direct action missions in support of Special Operations Forces.

EOD forces work in elements ranging from two-man teams to eight-person detachments or as part of an integrated battle staff. All EODMU5 Departments provide personnel that constitute the battle staff which can be tailored to mission requirements such as large operations in Iraq or smaller elements for exercises. Conducting the tour of EODMU5 were the Commanding Officer, CDR Vincent Martinez and Supply Officer, LT Med Scott Reed.

"As a forward deployed Supply Officer, it is good to be able to demonstrate what a vital role supply plays in the EOD community," said LT Reed. As the Supply Officer for EODMU5, LT Reed manages 10 personnel and a \$2.7 million dollar budget. The EOD community as of this fiscal year has integrated with Naval Coastal Warfare under a new Type Commander Maritime Forces Protection Command (MARFORPCOM) based in Little Creek, Va. This has enabled the EOD community to better organize and standard-

ize resource planning and information sharing communitywide.

CDR Martinez briefed Admiral Stone on EODMU 5's capabilities during the visit. RADM Stone commented on the expanding role of the Supply Corps in supporting the expeditionary warfighter. "I have pushed the 'I believe button,'" said RADM Stone. He added that criteria for promotion to lieutenant commander changed recently to two operational tours by 0-4 instead of the traditional division officer and department head afloat tours that have been the norm in the past. This opens a wide-range of possibilities for junior supply officers.

As the fleet and the Supply Corps become more expeditionary, understanding the roles of the Supply Corps enlisted and officers assigned to units such as EODMU 5 is important to winning the global war on terrorism.

RADM Stone attended a luncheon with Supply Professionals Association of

Micronesia (SPAM) where he made some short remarks and conducted a question and answer session. During the luncheon, RADM Stone presented LT Brian Boudreax with the Joint Service Commendation Medal for heroic actions while serving as a Contingency Contracting Officer in Iraq.

Following a visit to the USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40), RADM Stone received a window tour of Naval Base Guam, Kilo wharf, accompanied by CDR Steve Anderjack, N2 Ordnance Officer. His window tour ended with a stop at Delta/Echo wharfs, fuel piers, where he was met by Joe Quinata and Franklin Cruz, FISC PH Det Marianas Fuel Supervisors. ⚓



RADM Dan Stone, in khaki, is shown with Detachment 5 from EODMU 5. CDR Vincent Martinez stands in the back row right. On the far left are LT Med Scott Reed and SKC Nathan Bourque.

